State Governments in excess of the balances available in their own Calamity Relief Fund (CRF). The assistance is provided in accordance with the items and norms of expenditure under NCCF as laid down by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Statement

Amount provided by the Ministry of Finance from National Calamity Fund to drought affected States during 2002-03 and 2003-04 (so far)

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	States	Amount	
		2002-03	2003-04
1.	Andhra Pradesh	59.47	64.04
2.	Chhattisgarh	100.68	26.83
3.	Himachal Pradesh	14.05	0.30
4.	Karnataka	196.88	10.77
5.	Madhya Pradesh	148.49	23.17
6.	Maharashtra	20.00	0.00
7.	Orissa	5.29	0.00
8.	Rajasthan	426.68	363.10
9.	Tamil Nadu	215.99	116.10
10.	Uttar Pradesh	310.06	0.00

Non-stapling of currency notes

†4702. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether RBI has issued instructions to all banks not to staple currency notes;

(b) whether public and private banks are not complying with these instructions;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take any action against such banks that supply stapled notes to customers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Banks are in the process of making alternate arrangements for securing the note packets and have been taking steps to issue notes in unstapled condition. Banks have been instructed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to start issuing unstapled notes at the earliest. Banks violating the instructions are liable for action by RBI under Section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

Financial assistance by NABARD

4703. SHRI RAJU PARMAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether NABARD is providing financial assistance to the State Government for construction of roads and bridges;

(b) if so, the funds provided for this purpose during each of the last three years to Gujarat;

(c) whether Gujarat Government had asked for loan from NABARD for constructing metallic line roads in the rural areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the NABARD in this regard; and

(e) the number of roads/bridges for which construction has been started/is likely to be started with the assistance of NABARD in Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) and (b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has been providing financial assistance to State Governments for construction of roads and bridges out of Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF). The details of loans sanctioned to Government of Gujarat for construction of roads and bridges out of RIDF during the last three years (1999-2002) are as under :